

MARY LU SYMS HARRIS

1934-2012

BRIDGEPORT: Mary Lu Syms Harris, 77, died Saturday, May 5, 2012, in Bridgeport.

Mary Lu was born December 17, 1934, to Lulu Elizabeth (Hansen) and George Allen Syms in Amarillo, Potter County, Texas. She graduated from NorthSide High School in 1953, received a Bachelor's Degree from University of North Texas in 1957, and a Masters Degree from Texas Women's University. She was a member of the Morris Memorial United Methodist Church of Chico, United Methodist Women, UNT Alumni, and the Friendship Club. She enjoyed reading, Bible study, gardening, computing,

corresponding, texting, and visiting with family and friends.

Mary Lu is survived by her husband, Orrie Lee Harris; daughter LuLane Dutton and husband, Marvin of Duncan, Oklahoma; sons: Coit Lee Harris and wife, Melanie, of Chico and Jay Allen Harris and wife, Neysa, of Decatur, Texas; daughter Robin Suzanne Barnes and husband, Don, of Sunset and brother George Adrian Syms and wife, Mary, of Houston; sister-in-law, Darla Sumners, of Seagoville, Texas; grandsons Heath Barnes and wife, Patience, of Alvord; Jason Barnes and wife, Kristin, of Fort Worth; Allen Dutton and wife, Rebecca, of Ridgecrest, California; Jon Harris and wife, Kirsten, of Austin; Eric Wiley and wife, Angela, of Chico and Jeffrey Wiley and wife, Michelle, of Perth, Australia; granddaughters Taylor Adams and Daniel Chandler, of Aubrey, Texas, Kimberly Dildy and husband, Matthew, of Haltom City; Cheryl Dutton, of Houston; Sara Harris, of Decatur; Shiloh Hofacket, of Bridgeport; Jessica Mowery and husband, Derrick, of Chico and Sequitta Thomasson and husband, Mike, of Houston; twenty-one great-grandchildren; one great-great grandchild; and numerous foreign exchange students, nieces and nephews, and cousins.

She is preceded in death by her parents; fathers-in-law, Lawrence Taylor Harris and James H. Gorman; mothers-in-law, Edith Gorman and Opal Harris; brother-in-law, Carl Harris; and sister-in-law, Joan Kilcrease.

Funeral services was held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 9, 2012, at Morris Memorial United Methodist Church of Chico, Texas. Burial followed in Chico Cemetery. Pastor Rick Davis officiated. Pallbearers were Heath Barnes, Jason Barnes, Daniel Chandler, Jon Harris, Derrick Mowery, and Eric Wiley. Honorary pallbearers were Allen Dutton and Jeffrey Wiley.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the United Methodist Committee on Relief at UMCOR.org.

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